

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) ~~A client-side~~An information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit; and
a processor,
detecting a password input error at the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus,
registering information identifying the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus in a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected, and
storing transmission log information related to the registration in the registration center into said storage unit of said ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus.

2. (currently amended) The ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor transmits to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit of said ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus, and locks the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus if the information identifying the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

3. (currently amended) The ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processor outputs a warning if the information related to the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus in communication with first and second ~~client-side~~-apparatuses, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database registering information identifying the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus by the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus;

a second database registering the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus when the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus is requested by the second ~~client-side~~-apparatus and the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second ~~client-side~~-apparatus; and

a processor to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

7. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processor deletes the information related to the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus from said first database when a request to delete the information related to the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or deletes the information related to the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus from the second database when a request to delete the information related to the first ~~client-side~~-apparatus is received with respect to said second database, in response to the transmission from the second ~~client-side~~-apparatus.

8. (currently amended) A method of controlling a ~~client-side~~-information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said method comprising:

detecting a password input error at the ~~client-side~~-information processing apparatus;

registering information identifying the ~~client-side~~-information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and

storing transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center within the ~~client-side~~-information processing apparatus.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the ~~client-side~~-information processing apparatus; and

making a system lock with respect to the ~~client-side-information~~ processing apparatus if the information identifying the ~~client-side-information~~ processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

10. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:
outputting a warning if the information identifying the ~~client-side-information~~ processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus in communication with first and second ~~client-side-apparatuses~~, said method comprising:

registering information identifying the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ by the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~;

registering the information identifying the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ in a second database when the information identifying the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ is requested by the second ~~client-side-apparatus~~ and the information identifying the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second ~~client-side-apparatus~~; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

14. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:
deleting the information identifying the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first ~~client-side-apparatus~~ is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second ~~client-side-apparatus~~.

15. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a ~~client-side~~ computer to control access through a registration center, said program causing the computer to execute:

detecting a password input error at the ~~client-side~~ computer;

registering information identifying the ~~client-side~~ computer by making a transmission to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and

storing in a storage unit transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center.

17. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, program further causing the ~~client-side~~ computer to execute:

transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit; and

causing a system lock with respect to the ~~client-side~~ computer if the information identifying the ~~client-side~~ computer is registered in the first database or the second database.

18. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 17, program causing the ~~client-side~~ computer to execute:

outputting a warning if the information identifying the ~~client-side~~ computer is registered in the second database.

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access through a registration center, program causing the computer to execute:

registering information identifying a first ~~client-side~~ apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus by the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus is requested by a second ~~client-~~

side-apparatus and the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second ~~client-side~~ apparatus; and
controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

22. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, program further causing the computer to execute:

deleting the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second ~~client-side~~ apparatus.

23. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

24-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

31. (currently amended) The ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information identifying the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus includes model information.

32. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus includes model information.

33. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the information identifying the ~~client-side~~ information processing apparatus includes model information.

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the information identifying the first ~~client-side~~ apparatus includes model information.

35. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
a registration center comprising a first database; and
a client comprising:
a storage unit; and
a processor,
detecting a password input error at the client,
registering information identifying the client in the first database of the registration center
when the password input error is detected, and
storing transmission log information related to the registration in the registration center
into said storage unit.